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**Correction in January 31, 2008 issue: 1st Quarter Results: GPA 3.30 & Above (Without a C)**

Thanida Daengprasert (10C) got a GPA of 3.91.

**Ekamai International School would like to keep in touch with you.**

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**Cover Picture:** Kanyanat Piticharoen, Grade 12D. Full story on page 10. (Photo by studio).

**Back Cover Picture:** Participants, board members, and friends at the Ground Breaking Ceremony. Full story on page 9.

# Letter from the Director



Photo by Lee Chin Beng

Mr. David L. Gouge, Director of EIS

Dear Students, Parents, Alumni, and Friends,

**A**nother memorable school year is coming to an end. Many exciting things have happened. It is a privilege as well as a pleasure to be Director of this great school.

One of the great events was the winning of Kanyanat Piticharoen in the Thailand Public Speaking Competition. Congratulations Kanyanat! We thank God for helping you this far and we will be praying for you as you go to London to compete in the International Public Speaking Competition this May.

We have signed the contract for the construction of Building 3. Construction has just started and plans are for the students to move into it for the 2009-2010 school year. Plans are being made for another building which will contain a swimming pool, a gym, an auditorium, and rooms for other activities. We are sorry for the inconveniences that will arise from the construction.

Enrolment has climbed to 1,200 and many applications are coming in for next school year. We are expecting eleven new teachers who are native speakers next school year which will bring the total to twenty.

To help the students speak English, the English Department has come up with a plan in which grades in all subjects will be affected if another language is spoken. We are working on teachers and staff to get them not to use their native language unless it is English.

The Golden Anniversary Celebration of EIS was a grand occasion. Many alumni and friends gathered for the festivities. A highlight was the presence of Pastor Arthur Bell and his wife from California. Pastor Bell and his wife not only enjoyed the reunion at EIS, but also visited Mission College and Chiang Mai Adventist Academy where he had been the administrator.

Parents, you need to be aware of what your child is doing on the internet. There are many dangers connected with the chat rooms.

On May 25, the Senior Class will have their Commencement Ceremony. It is always a sweet sadness when a class leaves the school. We are happy for them, but we will miss them. We wish them God's blessing as they move on into life. May your grandest dreams come true.

We will miss the teachers and administrators who will be retiring or leaving at the end of this year. We greatly appreciate and value all your contributions and dedication to EIS.

We wish each administrator, teacher, staff, and student a very happy and safe summer vacation. We look forward to seeing you in August.

Mr. David L. Gouge, Director



# Interview with Pastor Somchai Chuenjit, Chairman of the EIS Board of Directors

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor

**Please introduce yourself to the EIS family.**

An alumnus of EIS, I graduated in 1977, then did my pastoral studies at Hong Kong Adventist College, in affiliation with Loma Linda University (USA), and subsequently completed a Master's degree in Christian Leadership and Administration from AIIAS, Philippines. In 1999, I went to Loma Linda University and completed a Master's degree in Hospital Administration. I had been connected with Mission Hospital (Bangkok Adventist Hospital), for many years, holding positions from Chaplaincy to Vice President for General Services. The final position I held was Vice-President of Operations for Mission Hospital - Phuket. Currently I am the President of Thailand Adventist Mission.

**Why did you accept the position of President of Thailand Adventist Mission (TAM), a religious organization?**

I had enjoyed my work in the hospital administration tremendously, and it was very satisfying to be connected with such a dynamic institution. However, I feel that God is calling me to serve in this capacity. TAM has the vision and potential for growth that I want to be a part of. It has been operating in Thailand for over 100 years, promoting the growth of many churches and schools, including EIS.

**As Chairman of the Board, please share with us your plans and visions for EIS.**

First of all, I envision EIS to be a school that's passionate about helping students to succeed and excel in life. In addition to maintaining a high standard of academic excellence, I'd like to see Christian education being utilized as a means of influence for the good of the society, imparting moral values and ethics in our students' lives. Next, I'd like to encourage communication and cooperation between EIS and our students' parents. Another of my goals is to empower and develop qualified and committed educators and administrators. One final



Pastor Somchai Chuenjit

Photo by Winyou Silapachan

but imperative objective is to produce graduates fit to serve God by carrying on the great work at our institutions. As we work together and trust in God's leading, I'm confident that EIS will continue to grow and prosper, and be a beacon of light to the community in Thailand.

**What are some of our school's strengths?**

First and foremost, God's leading is the cornerstone of our success at EIS. We have competent and dedicated teachers as well as a strong administrative team. Working together we have built a fine reputation in the Thai community. Our students have consistently been accepted at leading universities in Thailand and abroad. Another of our strong points is the well-balanced curriculum, which integrates moral values and life-skills. EIS maintains a warm, Christian environment, wherein students learn to effectively communicate in English, think critically to solve complex problems, and use technology competently. They are encouraged to be self-managers and responsible, moral, and resourceful citizens. Finally, the Parent Council of EIS and the EIS Alumni Association, both of which fully support our school, continue to be our valued assets.

**Do you perceive any threats that might hinder the progress of EIS?**

EIS needs to be careful that in seeking recognition and accreditation its iden-

tity is retained. It's essential to have a clear sense of who we are and why we are here. We are a Christian school seeking to impart, along with academic knowledge, the love of Christ to all our students. Another reminder is to avoid the status quo. As a visionary and dynamic institution, we should always look for ways to improve, focusing on our strengths, and minimizing our limitations.

**Do you have a message for the parents of our present and prospective students?**

As Chairman of the EIS Board of Directors, I'd like to assure you that EIS provides high-quality education in a safe and warm environment. Our goals are to educate and inspire your children to be moral, thoughtful and caring individuals in a growing world community. Although we adhere to a rigorous American curriculum, we instill in our pupils the importance of Thai culture, which is a crucial part of their society and heritage. Your children will be prepared to excel in the academic arena, and equipped with skills to efficiently manage important issues in life. You are encouraged to provide feedback through the Parent Council of EIS.

**Please share your thoughts with the alumni of CTC/AES/EIS.**

I greatly appreciate your continued support towards your alma mater. You've been an important element of the history of our success, and definitely one of the forces which will bring our school to greater heights. Through your sphere of influence at various places in society you have brought honor and recognition to EIS. By introducing EIS to prospective parents and students, and by entrusting your own children to our care, you have contributed to the growth of our school. Your financial support is also appreciated. It would be a noble project to start a fund to provide scholarships to students in need. Finally, your suggestions and input are valued. Please visit the school whenever you can, and keep in touch through our website. May God bless each one of you.

# Introducing the Parent Council of EIS (PCEIS)



Photo by Lee Chin Beng

Pictured above are some of the officers of the PCEIS. Seated (L-R): Mrs. Chanpen Watanachariya, Mr. David Gouge, Mrs. Stinder Narula. Standing (L-R): Mr. Suthep Srinarula, Mrs. Seetha Gopalakrishnan, Mr. Subin Bhatia, Mr. Sudip Chatterji, Dr. Nipon Charoenkitkarn, and Mr. Anucha Kamonpale.

*By Mrs. Stinder Narula*  
**PCEIS President 2007 – 2008**

## New Officers of PCEIS 2007-2008

The Parent Council of Ekamai International School or PCEIS is elected by the parent body at the beginning of every school year. This year the officers are as follows:

**President:** Mrs. Stinder Narula  
**Vice President:** Dr. Nipon Charoenkitham  
**Secretary:** Mrs. Chanphen Watanachariya  
**Assistant Secretary:** Mrs. Maya Mohnani  
**Treasurer:** Mr. Suthep Srinarula  
**PR Officer:** Mr. Vinit Pathela  
**Parliamentarian:** Mr. Anucha Komonpale  
**Members:** Mr. Saeng Tangkrachang  
 Dr. Kamolpan Cheewapansri  
 Mr. Lalit Kishore  
 Mrs. Seetha Gopalakrishnan  
 Mr. Sudip Chatterji  
 Mr. Subin Bhatia  
 Mrs. Malee Palawongse

The PCEIS executive committee meets every first Sunday of each month. Each committee member represents the grade level of his/her child. This ensures equal and well-balanced feedback.

## The Preamble of the PCEIS

We, the members of the Parents Council of Ekamai International School by the

help of God, in order to establish an organization that shall foster excellence in education, uphold its ideals and goals, promote unity and understanding among parents and the school, to contribute in the attainment of the national development goals through Christian education, do ordain and promulgate this constitution and by-laws.

## The Objectives of PCEIS

- To advance the cause of Christian education in the home, the school, and the community, in particular.
- To promote communication and understanding between parents, teachers and the administration.
- To provide an organization through which parents can help meet the needs of EIS.

## Goals for PCEIS

There are several goals for this year that the PCEIS member are working on together as a team. They are intended to support and create a better atmosphere for the school and students. Many of these goals are in process and a few are yet to be initiated despite the time limit. Some of these are:

1. To create an English speaking atmosphere in the school at all times.

2. To assist the Guidance Office
3. To bring awareness on dangers of internet chatting, inappropriate sites, and computer game addiction.
4. To promote after-school extracurricular activities.
5. To organize a social service program to help the needy.
6. To provide input on comparative academic standards and evaluation procedures.
7. To encourage good values and behavior among all parties to develop positive student-teacher relationships.
8. To maintain a good security system and information flow.
9. To provide healthy food and increase the variety of food options.
10. To share ideas with the school to improve students' welfare as a whole.

## What can parents do to help

All parents and guardians of students at EIS are members of this association and are fully encouraged to give input to the committee in all areas such as academic, social, sports, etc., or contribute by participating according to one's expertise. Our goals are in accordance with the school's: to see the growth of our children to be fully equipped and be ready to move on into the outside world.

# 50th Anniversary Celebration

By Mrs. Perla A. Camagay

Principal for Academic Administration

During this grand celebration of the EIS golden anniversary, the Ekamai International School family humbly praises and thanks God for His continued guidance, mercies and blessings to EIS through all the years of its educational service and operation.

## Brief History

It was in 1957 when Child Training Center (CTC) under its founder and administrator, Mrs. Alma Marie Milne, opened its doors in Ekamai.

Because the garage of Dr. Waddell in Mission Hospital Bangkok could no longer accommodate the increasing enrolment of Miss Esther Feltus's class that began in 1946, the School Board approved the new location which was a paddy field in Ekamai 63.

## Child Training Center (CTC)

Child Training Center became Christian Training Center, and between the mid-60's and early 70's it carried the name Adventist Special Time and Vocational School (ASVS), with Mr. John Falconbridge as its administrator, Mr. Kamol Tan, manager and treasurer, and Mr. Banjong Thonasud, Thai principal.

## Adventist English School (AES)

Later it became Adventist English School (AES) until 1992 when Pastor Arthur Bell was administrator and Mr. Somchote Chulkasate, Thai principal. During this time, Mr. Kamol Tan brought to the administration's awareness the need to apply for international status.

Pastor Bell laid the ground work, and then Pastor Stanley Baldwin did the follow up and applied for external accreditation with Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) in Burlingame, California, USA.

Mr. Somchote applied for a new school name, Ekamai International School.

These administrators' work paid off in 1993 when AES was given a 5-year candidacy status by WASC.

Mrs. Perla Camagay, assistant principal, led out in the accreditation process with full support from the school director Mr. Ronald Anderson, the administration, faculty and staff.

## Ekamai International School (EIS)

In June 1998, the school received its WASC accreditation in addition to the internal accreditation from the Adventist Accreditation Association (AAA).

Having been accredited by AAA and WASC, EIS was granted the international school license by the Thai Ministry of Education (MOE).

This opened the opportunities for EIS graduates to study abroad and in the local universities without having to take the government exams.

This is the history of God's work in the growth and development of EIS, and since then He has continued to guide and direct.

## Two-Day Celebration

### Saturday, March 1, 2008

The Sabbath School program featured Chaplain Howard Vandermark's Power-Point presentation of God's leading throughout the history of EIS, portraying a collection of its administrators since 1957.

Pastor Arthur Bell, honored guest and former administrator, delivered the sermon, "God Answers Prayers."

EIS served lunch for all the guests and church members.

### Sunday, March 2, 2008

We give credit to Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan for leading out in the planning and coordinating of this day's activities, and to the administrators, faculty and staff for carrying out their assigned responsibilities.

Highlighting the opening ceremony held at the Covered Court were the school band and the full faculty choir, in their pink 50th Anniversary shirts singing Don Besig's "A New and Glorious Song."

## Plaques and Awards

Plaques and awards were presented to those who contributed to the growth and success of EIS. These were the recipients of those awards:

### Administrators who contributed to CTC - EIS Growth and Development:

1. Mr. Kamol Santimalapongse, CTC, AES treasurer and manager

2. Mr. John Falconbridge - CTC, Adventist Special Time & Vocational School administrator
3. Pastor Arthur Bell - Adventist English School administrator
4. Pastor Stanley Baldwin - Adventist English School & Ekamai International School administrator
5. Mr. Ronald Anderson - Ekamai International School administrator

### Parents who liaised with the Thai Ministry of Education during the process of accreditation:

1. Dr. Chaiyaporn Pichetchote
2. Dr. Chienchuang Kalayanamitr

### Most Active Alumni:

Mr. Kawee Chaichoowong  
Mrs. Stephanie Leedhirakul

### Former Thai Administrators:

1. Mrs. Beatrice Chia - former teacher and registrar
2. Miss Jitapa (Wichitra) Winitkoonchai - former registrar
3. Mr. Suwat Vatanasak - former treasurer
4. Mr. Somchote Chulkasate - former principal
5. Dr. Surapee Silapachan - former teacher, principal and manager
6. Mrs. Bupha Pinwanit - former teacher and registrar

### AES-EIS Alumni with more than 10 years of service at EIS:

1. Mrs. Edith Chu - Kindergarten head and teacher
2. Mrs. Varinee Lee - 2nd grade level leader and teacher
3. Mrs. Somporn Yap - 6th grade teacher
4. Mrs. Pattana Nabong- teacher and Thai Principal/Registrar
5. Mrs. Walaya Vatanasak, English and Thai Teacher

### Teachers and Staff with 20 or more years of service at EIS

1. Mrs. Perla Camagay - teacher and principal, academic administration
2. Mr. Vichai Koobkangploo - maintenance supervisor
3. Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan - teacher and principal, student administration
4. Mr. Anant Intachai- visa and liaison officer
5. Mr. Harold Dawat- High School English teacher



# Pictorial Highlights from the 50th Anniversary Celebration

*Photos by Rachasak Sachariri, Student 12A*



Mr. Ronald Anderson, former administrator of EIS



Mr. Suwat Vatanasak, former treasurer of EIS, gives a welcome hug to Mrs. Viola Bell



Visitors, teachers and students gather for the celebration on the covered court



Pastor Arthur Bell, Mr. Ronald Anderson, Mr. Kavee Chaichuwong, and Mr. Suwat Vatanasak receive plaques of appreciation



Dr. Surapee, Mrs. Patana, Mrs. Varinee, and Mrs. Edith Chu with plaques of appreciation



Mrs. Perla Camagay receives a plaque of appreciation from Mr. David Gouge



A Filipino "fan" dance by EIS teachers



A Hawaiian "hula" dance by EIS teachers



Faculty and staff choir performing



Pastor Arthur Bell, with Mrs. Viola Bell, was former Administrator of EIS



Mr. Laurence Chu, with Mrs. Edith Chu, was former teacher and associate administrator of EIS



Senior students welcome the guests



# 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner

By Mrs. Perla A. Camagay

Principal for Academic Administration

Photos by Rachasak Sachasiri, Student 12A

The culmination of the 50th Anniversary Celebration was the Alumni Gala Dinner held on March 2 at 7 pm. The dinner, organized by Mr. Kawee Chaichuwong, Mrs. Stephanie Leedhirakul (nee Fu-Cheng Chen) and Miss Ormkwan Sanasen, was held in the EIS Milne Auditorium. About 300 alumni came by classes, but only one came from the class of 1946 - Atty. David Lyman, now chairman and chief values officer of Tilleke & Gibbins International Ltd. Everyone was excited to be with everybody, chatting and laughing, at the same time keeping pace with Mr. Suwat Vatanasak and Miss Kathleeya McIntosh, masters of ceremonies. Singing the alumni's favorite songs, "Sweet Jesus" and "Side by Side We Stand," brought nostalgic memories especially to the AES alumni who spent their times catching toads, frogs and fish on the soccer field during the flood. What changed the mood around was the hilarious and well-applauded lip singing of the 1960's hit, "Aha, Aha, I Like It" led by Dr. Surachai Ratithong, its maestro and choreographer, and Pastor Bell, along with the four "dancers," Mrs. Beatrice Kootanasan, Mrs. Edith Chu, Mrs. Pattana Nabong and Mrs. Perla Camagay. It's a wonder how those conservative ladies kept in step with the young and restless Dr. Surachai!

The school family would like to thank all the alumni, former administrators, teachers and parents who came to celebrate with us the goodness of God to EIS. We encourage everyone to keep in touch through the school's website: [www.eis.ac.th](http://www.eis.ac.th).



Mr. David Lyman (R) and nephew



Dr. Anoopanee (in red dress) and friends



"Mr. Postman" Dance



Mrs. Edith Chu (3rd from R) and friends



Ms. Narathip (front right) and friends



Pastor and Mrs. Arthur Bell with alumni



Mr. Kawee Chaichuwong (L) and friends



Dr. Surachai Ratithong (R) with friends



Naresh (2nd from right) with friends



Ms. Kathleeya McIntosh and students



Ms. Araya (far left) and friends



Mrs. Vilai (far left) and friends



# Ground Breaking Ceremony Intermediate Building



Photo by Winyou Silapachan

Participants of Ground Breaking Ceremony

*By Mrs. Sarah Jawjong  
Administrative Assistant*

Pastor Somchai Chuenjit was guest of honor at the EIS Intermediate Building Ground Breaking Ceremony on April 9, 2008. In his speech Pastor Somchai challenged the student body, school officials, teachers and staff to strive to keep EIS a place where Christian education is continuously upheld.

Pastor Somchai was accompanied by other TAM officials, Pastor Samuel Paul, Executive Secretary, Miss Patcharaporn Sattayavaksakool, Treasurer, Mr. Danai Agartsupa, Education Director, and Dr. Boonrat Moolkeow, Stewardship Director.

### Ground Breaking Participants

1. Mr. Udom Srikureja, EIS alumnus and owner of Ramkhamhaeng Advent International School
2. Mr. Virot Siriwattanakamol, EIS alumnus and owner of Trinity International School
3. Dr. Surapee Silapachan, Adventist Ekamai School Director
4. Mr. George Larsen II, Mission Hospital-Bangkok President
5. Mr. Ronald Kuhn, ADRA Asia Director
6. Mr. Kiti Taychaichawongse, owner of FMA Co., Ltd.
7. Mrs. Stinder Narula, EIS alumnus and current PCEIS President
8. Mr. Kawee Chaichuwong, EIS alumnus and EIS Alumni Association President
9. Mr. Ranjan Fernando, Bangkok Adventist International School Administrator
10. Mrs. Tidarat Lichanatiem, EIS parent and owner of Siamkonkij Construction Company
11. Mr. Gabriel Claveria, Intermediate Level Leader
12. Pawarisa Sarajaras, Intermediate section Student Representative
13. Pastor Roger Williams, Bangkok International Church Pastor
14. Mr. James Yoong, High School Level Leader
14. Mr. David Gouge, EIS Director

### Friends and Business Partners

The ceremony was also witnessed by friends and business partners of EIS as follows:

1. M.L. Luesak Chakrabandh, Business Development Manager of S & P Syndicate PLC
2. Mr. Chalermpon Viriyasaengtham, Mr. Krittaya Tumpon, & Mr. Thaweesak Charoenrat from Pro-En Technologies
3. Mrs. Tassanee Taychachaiwongse and Mr. Ukrit Taychachaiwongse from FMA Group
4. Dr. Warren Shipton, President of Mission College
5. Mr. Creg Armister and Mrs. Vanee Siriwattanakamol from Trinity International School
6. Mrs. Karen Chew, Mrs. Annelia Anito, and Mr. Somchote Chulkasate, EIS Board members

### Construction Cost

Construction work was started on April 23, 2008 by the Siamkonkij Company. The construction period will be 14 months at a cost of Baht 68.5 million.



Intermediate students dressed in their national costumes assisted in carrying the shovels



Construction site (former Building 3); far left: High School building; right: Covered Court



Special guests invited to the ceremony

# Kanyanat Piticharoen Public Speaking Champion

By Ms. Melissa Erbenich, High School Teacher

A few words changed Kanyanat's world on Friday, March 14, 2008, as she was named winner of this year's Thailand Public Speaking Competition (High School level). The event was held in the Pullman Hotel, organized by the Ministry of Education and the English Speaking Union of Thailand.

This year's theme, "New Horizons, New Frontiers," challenged each participant to bring their best game. Her speech addressed the issue of pre-marital sex, and encouraged parents, teachers as well as the society to break past conservatism and look toward a more effective sex education program.

As winner of the national speech competition Kanyanat will now spend her time further preparing and fine-tuning her speech. She will then fly to London, where she will compete in the International Public Speaking Competition, which will take place from May 4-18, 2008, and include competitors from 50 different countries.



Photo by Guidance Department

Proud winner Kanyanat, with family, teachers and staff of EIS

## "It's super cool to speak English in school"

By Mr. Herbert Perera, Intensive English teacher, Elementary Section

Part of our commitment in providing quality education is to create strategies and open venues which allow our students to speak English in non-academic areas. Therefore, the school administration together with the teachers and staff are planning to implement a school-wide English speaking program for the next academic year (2008-2009). We decided to launch our new program with a striking slogan. Students and teachers were given the opportunity to come up with the best slogan. It was indeed a tough decision to make as hundreds of slogans poured in. However, we'd like to congratulate our winner, Atulit Kwatra from 5A, who won the prize of Baht 3000 for his slogan "It's super cool to speak English in school." Our congratulations also to the winners of the consolation prizes of Baht 500 each—Nathaporn Nithichat 11A; Thaksheela Thomas 12 B; Mr. Gabriel Claveria, Homeroom teacher 7G; Christian Gayoba 1A. A big thank you to all participants!

## AP Program

By Mr. Grant Flaiz, Director for Curriculum Development

Each year thousands of high school students around the globe participate in the AP (Advanced Placement) program. Operated by the College Board in the United States, the AP program is designed for students to take university-level courses and exams to earn university credit while in high school.

The AP program is recognized worldwide as a leader in university preparation. Currently over 90 percent of four year universities in the United States grant credit or placement for qualifying exam grades. In addition, over 600 universities in over 45 countries also grant credit or placement to students who perform successfully.

EIS has been offering AP courses and exams for over 4 years. Courses currently offered include Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Calculus, and Economics, and we are looking to expand the program to include more social sciences and language courses.

Many of our students have performed well on the AP exams, and have gone on to earn university credit. We look to continue that trend this year when our AP students sit for their exams in May.

If you're interested to learn more about the AP program and the opportunities for your child, please don't hesitate to inform the EIS Registrar's Office and visit the AP website at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).



# High School Science Fair

By Mrs. Marichu Mamora, Teacher 10C

In 2001, teachers from the Intermediate Section organized our first science fair. Highly popular, this event was repeated in 2003 and 2007. On February 19-20, 2008, the high school teachers staged their own program. This latest fair began with the cutting of a ribbon, a short talk by Director David Gouge, and the introduction of judges.

Soon, large numbers of students, parents and teachers from K - 12 were visiting the 70 projects on display in the Milne Auditorium. Although everyone taking a science class was encouraged to participate, the majority of the contributors were from the Physical Science and Biology I classes. Students from Health, Chemistry and Biology II classes, however, did create experimental exhibits, posters and dioramas.

Participants were judged on how well their display demonstrated some application of the scientific method. Also, projects were supposed to be practical, simple, original, and potentially beneficial to the society and environment. The top three research projects were entitled, "The Pulley System," "Soap from Lard," and "Acupressure versus Aspirin."

Since the students worked on their projects over two terms, they needed to manage their time effectively. Most proved resourceful and found creative ways to demonstrate how repetitive and often boring experimentation could result in glittering new inventions.

The High School Science Fair will now run every other year. It also may grow into an inter-school program that invites participation by students from nearby international schools.



Mr. Gouge cuts the ribbon, while Mrs. Marichu Mamora, the fair organizer looks on



The student body listen to the keynote speaker



Global Warming



First Place winners flanked by teachers Mr. Edgar Tubilag and Mrs. Marichu Mamora



Second Place winners with Mr. Frederick Lee, Teacher



Third Place winners with Mr. Frederick Lee, Teacher



Exhibits on display



Exhibits on display



The Pulley System

# Intermediate Section Science Fair

By Samrat Lekhak., Student Grade 7E

The Intermediate Section Science Fair, with the theme “Innovations Beyond Imagination,” was held on March 5-6, 2008, and drew a lot of attention from students and teachers alike. Mr. Kavee Chaichoovong, President of the EIS Alumni Association, was the guest of honor. Students from Grades 7 and 8 participated in this event, which was a big part of their Science grade. “This year’s Science Fair was probably the best thus far,” said Dr. Jathrow Sikul, Grade 7 Science teacher.

There were 67 group projects on display during the event. A few projects worth to be mentioned are “Wind Tunnel,” “Chicken Embryo Development,” “How to Extract DNA,” “Two-colored Flower,” “Ways to Slow Down Plants’ Growth,” and “Environmentally Friendly Fertilizer.”

The purpose of the fair was to encourage students to be innovative and to think outside the box, and perhaps to stimulate and encourage students to become like Albert Einstein in delivering and making new science models and experiments.

These are the top three projects that won awards:

1st Place: “Environmentally Friendly Fertilizer,” by Vareesa, Titima, Hsian Yu, and Sherwin - 7E

2nd Place: “How to Extract DNA from Living Things,” by Peeranon, Natcha, Grongjaporn and Zhanping - 7E

3rd Place: “Suspension Bridge,” by Siranya, Yuthaphan, Kannanat and Sonia - 7E

Quiz Bee winner: Charlie and Atikarn - 7A

All in all, the whole event was a success as it garnered positive reviews from respected judges and teachers. Congratulations, Winners! You have achieved something that is truly brilliant. Congratulations to all that took part in the Science Fair 2008!



Vareesa receives the 1st prize award from Dr. Jessen, Counselor



Teachers and judges



“Environmentally Friendly Fertilizer”



Peeranon explains the process of extracting DNA from living things



“How to Extract DNA from Living Things”



# Spiritual and Professional Development For EIS Teachers

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor

EIS in its effort to upgrade its teachers and staff conducted a seminar and workshop from March 27-28, 2008, in the Milne Auditorium. The seminar, "Developing Spiritual and Professional Practices," was conducted by two experts in their fields, Dr. John Wesley Taylor V for the teaching staff, and Dr. Henry Foster for the supporting staff.

Dr. Taylor is a veteran educator of twenty years, and has taught in many countries, including Mexico, the Philippines, and USA. Currently, he is in the Faculty of Education and Psychol-

ogy at Southern Adventist University, USA, where he also directs the Graduate Program in Educational Administration and Supervision. He holds a Master's degree in Educational Administration and Instructional Technology, and a Doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction and in Education of the Gifted. Dr. Taylor presented seminars on "Christian World-view for Education," "Teacher-tested Approaches to Integration of Faith and Learning," "Strategies that Ignite Motivation," and "The Contours of Effective Classroom Management."

Dr. Henry Foster has been teaching

business in the Adventist educational system for the last 26 years. His first teaching assignment was in Indonesia, then to the Philippines, and he is now currently teaching at Mission College, Saraburi, in the Faculty of Business Administration, where he also serves as the Program Coordinator for Management & Entrepreneurship. Dr. Foster presented topics on "Employee Integrity and Relations to the Institution," and "Ethics and Evangelism in the Workplace."

Profound thanks and appreciation to our two speakers.



Dr. John Wesley Taylor V



Dr. Henry Foster



Dr. Taylor with EIS administrators



Teachers listen to Dr. Taylor in the auditorium



Staff workers listen to Dr. Foster in the Library



Dr. Foster with Business Office staff



Teachers share ideas about classroom management



Teachers engrossed in their discussion groups



Dr. Taylor accepts a token of appreciation from Mr. Gouge

# Scholastic Book Fair

By Ms. Gail Geduld, Head Librarian

Our Scholastic Book Fair, held on February 12 - 13, 2008, summed up its purpose – the need to link literacy and science – with the short slogan, Reading...Galaxy.

As always, the story-telling sessions captured the hearts of participants, but the event also served as a vehicle to showcase the talents of door decorators, poets and essayists.

Here are the winners of the various competitions:

## Door Decoration

First prize: K2B

Second Prize: 1A

Third Prize: 2B

## Poetry Writing Contest

Grade 3: Punnapa & Priyanka

Grade 4: Juhi, Shou Xann, and Seong Yun

## Essay Writing Contest

Grade 5: Chayanid, Anucha, and Prima

Grade 6: Jiajie, Pandita, Raspreet, and Ria

## Getting Involved

While it is hard to capture what was learned by students in only a few words, I noticed youngsters were looking much deeper into the world around them.

Through viewing videos, engaging in class discussions and getting involved in a host of hands-on and interactive activities, students began to explore the scientific process. Some even understood the limitations of research methods designed to explore the enormity of space.

## Solar System

It was a full day. Our junior Einsteins began by studying the relative positions of the sun, moon and planets and ended up knowing why the earth goes through seasonal and daily cycles. The journey did not stop there. Students even started looking into the structure of matter, noting that large things were made up of small things, which in turn, were made up of even smaller things.

Others, perhaps a little older, realized the sun, the source of all our heat and light, is only one star amidst a trillion in

the universe. Amazingly, the program found ways to investigate the history of astronomy to see how major paradigm shifts have sculpted our current view of the universe.

Major discoveries were highlighted and presenters were honest enough to admit many questions still remain unanswered.

The Library and Media Center would like to thank the administrators, teachers, parents and students for their wonderful contributions and support to the success of the book fair.



Chaplain Howard makes his stories more interesting by singing songs of praise



A student snuggles down happily to enjoy a book



Miss Esther Nathan captivates the students with her enthralling stories



The students were excited to have Mascot Clifford with them, encouraging them to be eager readers



Students got the chance to use a telescope during the book fair



K2B won first prize in the door decoration contest



Mrs. Chu receives a prize from Mascot Clifford

Photos by Ekkaphop Thippinpong



# EIS Celebrates Thai New Year

By Mr. Lee Chin Beng, Editor

The air was full of excitement on Friday, April 11, 2008, as EIS celebrated Songkran Day. The celebration started with a welcome speech and three hits on the gong by Mr. Grant Flaiz, acting on behalf of Mr. David Gouge, Director. The MCs were Apimuk and Kanyanat, Grade 12 students. The whole student body gathered on the covered court to witness a drama of the late HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana and a traditional Thai dance by the 12th graders. During the ceremony, students displayed their respect and appreciation by pouring small amounts of jasmine-scented water on their teachers' hands in exchange for words of wisdom and blessings.

## What is Songkran Day?

Songkran is the traditional Thai New Year festival celebrated since the Sukhothai period. It represents a celebration that the old year has ended and the new year has arrived. The festival usually falls on April 13-15 each year. Water plays an important part in the celebration. Younger people would sprinkle water on the hands of elders as a tribute of respect and thankfulness. By so doing they would receive blessings in return. Water, in this case, symbolizes renewal and cleansing. Thais believe that water would wash away the bad luck from their lives.



Masters of Ceremonies: Kanyanat and Apimook



Mr. Grant Flaiz, Director of Curriculum Development, hits the gong to officially start the celebration



"Candle Dance" by Senior students



Scented water being poured onto the hands of a teacher as a show of respect



Nutthaporn pays respect to Miss Markie Bazzey



Nutthaporn receives blessings in return



Mrs. Perla Camagay gives blessings to Akhwin Singh



Candle Dance in memory of HRH Princess Galyani Vadhana



Songkran celebration at the covered court

# Nutrition Month

By Ms. Jocelyn Kho, Teacher 8B

The goal of Nutrition Month celebration is to enhance the awareness of students about the importance of good nutrition and how it affects learning. The theme of the event was “Eat Right to Stay Bright.”

This year’s event, which took place on March 24-25, highlighted classroom visits by Intermediate students who shared their knowledge about nutrition. They set up booths to display and give out free samples of nutritious foods for the students to try. They also provided other services such as blood sugar testing, blood pressure checks, blood type determination, and body mass index evaluation.



Intermediate students visiting classrooms



Photos by Jocelyn Kho

Wannavut (L), and Supriya (R) preparing samples for students to taste

# Career Day 2008

By Ms. Udom Saengsawang, Head of Guidance Department

On February 1, 2008, the Guidance Department organized “Career Day 2008.” Different careers were presented by guest speakers who shared insights about their respective professions:

1. Mr. Douglas B. Harrison - food and restaurant industry.
2. Mr. Ratchadet Suksin - tourism industry.
3. Mr. Vinit Pathela - technology related career fields.
4. Mr. Prawat Teerasawat - engineering related fields.
5. Mrs. Stephanie Leedhirakul - business entrepreneurship.
6. Mrs. Stinder Narula - business management.
7. Ms. Alisa Powtavee - arts and design.
8. Mr. Suttikorn Jearpaitoon - performing arts.
9. Mr. Sudip Chatterjee - advertising industry.

Students loved the experiences and inside information related by each speaker. The information presented will help them make wise career choices. The Guidance Department would like to thank all guest speakers, and will continue to assist EIS students as they prepare for a bright future.



Mr. Douglas B. Harrison (blue shirt)



Mr. Prawat Teerasawat (blue shirt)



Mr. Ratchadet Suksin (middle)



Ms. Alisa Powtavee (front right)



Mr. Vinit Pathela (seated in front)



Mr. Suttikorn Jearpaitoon (black shirt)

Photos by Guidance Department



## Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow

By Mrs. Rachaniporn Ngotngamwong, Teacher, General Business Class

During the 3rd quarter, General Business class students displayed innovative products and services in an exhibition entitled, “Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow,” located in the main library.

This was a project of the General Business class, which promotes entrepreneurship through a variety of hands-on activities.

Working individually or teaming up with others, these “entrepreneurs of tomorrow” brainstormed and researched to create practical and economical products and services that did not priorly exist. Unique ideas beneficial to the community and safe for the environment were encouraged.

The “GB Entrepreneurs” did a fantastic job. They are indeed “entrepreneurs of tomorrow.”



Products were displayed in the main library



Morning Call Vibrating Pillow (L)



Moeland, an amusement park



Cheating Sweater

Photos by Rachaneeporn Ngotngamwong

## HIV/AIDS Workshop

By Ms. Udom Saengsawang, Head of Guidance Department

On Monday, March 10, 2008, EIS hosted a workshop, the TRUST Program, an infection-awareness project targeting young people throughout Thailand. This program provides youngsters with the information and skills they need to protect themselves from HIV infection.

This project was organized by AIESEC Club, and attended by students from Bangkok University, four exchange students, and 50 EIS students.

The objective was to raise awareness in students on the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection around the world. AIESEC would like to be a key driving force in this endeavor.

The workshop demonstrated that there are many “high risk and no risk” factors, and that we can not know who has HIV/AIDS by their appearances. We have to be vigilant all the time.

Krittirat Jaronwit (12D) commented, “The workshop was indeed an eye-opener, and it was good to meet students from other schools.”



Workshop participants from EIS, Bangkok University, and other places



The speaker shows the “High risk and No risk” factors



EIS students interact with speaker and students from other schools

Photos by Guidance Department

# Alumnotes

**Krizz (Yansum) Chanjiraporn** (Class of 1970) holds a Ph.D. in Supply Chain



Dr. Krizz Chanjiraporn and family Traceability from the University of Washington (North). He also has a graduate Diploma in Management Consulting from the University of Hong Kong and holds two masters degrees: Master of Management (MM) from Sasin Graduate School of Management and MA in Business Communication & Management. Dr. Krizz is married and has three daughters. His baptism was the cherry on the cake of his life at EIS. [drkrizz@yahoo.com](mailto:drkrizz@yahoo.com)

**Ghanthiya Svetadatta Leerujikul** (Class of 1995) finished her Ph.D. in CIS (Telecommunications) from Assumption



Dr. Ghanthiya Svetadatta Leerujikul University in 2005. Currently she is working for Nokia Siemens Network (Thailand) Ltd. as Senior Network planner. Previously, she worked for True Corporation Public Co. Ltd., Thailand where she was the Senior Engineer for Network Operation Center/Traffic Administration and Analysis. She received an Award of Honor for obtaining a GPA of 4.00 for her Ph.D. She remembers Mrs. Edith Chu, her very first teacher at EIS (AES), whose warmth and smiling face made her want to go to school everyday. [ghanthiya@gmail.com](mailto:ghanthiya@gmail.com)

**Stinder Narula** (Class of 1977) is currently the President of Ekamai International School's Parent Council and



Mrs. Stinder Narula and family

is actively involved with the school's activities. She completed her Master's degree from Bangkok University in Business Administration and her Bachelor's degree from Assumption University with a major in General Management and a minor in Marketing. At present, she is Assistant to the Managing Director at IMCC Corp. Co., Ltd. She remembers EIS for the teachers and staff's friendliness and the caring atmosphere. She has two sons, Naresh and Vishesh, who were also students at our school. Naresh, the elder son finished his BBA from New Hampshire University, and Vishesh is currently studying at Walla Walla University, USA. [stinder@pacific.net.th](mailto:stinder@pacific.net.th)

**Prasong Iamsurey** (Class of 1972) and **Esther Lim Iamsurey** (Class of 1969). Dr. Prasong, a dentist, graduated from



Dr. Prasong Iamsurey (M) and family

the Faculty of Dentistry of Chulalongkorn University. Esther is a registered nurse, as well as an office manager. They are both living in California, USA, and have one son. [prasong95451@gmail.com](mailto:prasong95451@gmail.com)  
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**Brian Lee** (Class of 1998) earned his Doctor of Medicine degree (First Class Honors) in 2005 from Srinakharinwirot University. He was president of his



Dr. Brian Lee

class in medical school. In 2000, he was recipient of the Professor Dr. Tab Nilanidhi Award from Chulalongkorn University. In 2002 he represented Thailand at the 23rd Asian Medical Students' Conference in Japan, and in 2004 the Ministry of Education selected him to participate in the "Best and Brightest Project" in the UK, the Netherlands, and Belgium. He will start training this year for his specialty in Internal Medicine at Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University. He wishes to thank EIS for providing excellent well-rounded education. [brianleemed@gmail.com](mailto:brianleemed@gmail.com)

**Ubol (Annie) Udompanyavit** (Class of 1998) earned her degree from Chulalongkorn University in Electrical Engineering. She was on the Dean's Honor



Ms. Ubol (R), brother Albert and parents List in 2002, was 3rd place winner at Chulalongkorn's Annual Varsity Speech Contest in 1999, and won 2nd place in the University Freshmen Chess competition in 1998. Currently, she is working at Texas Instruments (USA) as IC Packaging Engineer. She says that EIS has such a diversity of teachers and students, allowing freedom to learn. She believes EIS was an important building block to her career and outlook on life. [anudo44@yahoo.com](mailto:anudo44@yahoo.com)



# Congratulations to EIS Graduates of 2008!



Photo by Rachasak Sachasiri

Jubilant graduating Seniors

By Udom Saengsawang, Head of Guidance Department

## EIS Graduates accepted at leading universities in Thailand and abroad:

### Thammasat University Faculty of Business Administration (BBA)

1. Ruamporn Vongurai
2. Neti Changbencharong
3. Yuvadee Rungreungrayapkul
4. Kamolsit Akaradilokphat

### Faculty of Engineering (TEP TEPE)

1. Cassandra Dewi Sariganon
2. Jindarat Srisuk
3. Puntumart Masathien
4. Pornvalai Intarapravich
5. Aditya Gaiki

### Faculty of Economics (BE)

1. Patareeya Kongsupasiri

### Faculty of Journalism

1. Chanadda Fuangaromya
2. Rajan Rachanivorakonkul
3. Yaniene Chaiyawan

### Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology (SIIT)

### Faculty of Engineering

1. Taksaon Assavapisitkul

### Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Business Administration (BBA)

1. Kwanporn Tulyathan
2. Nutpawee Chutivanichayakul
3. Preawpan Suethanapornkool
4. Napat Trakulsap
5. Pichya Theinvuthichai
6. Apimuk Witayanakorn

### Faculty of Architecture (INDA)

1. Akrapot Rex Chantraporn
2. Sirichat Siriwatwimol
3. Itthi Poldeenana
4. Thanwa Sakdapanichkul
5. Thikumporn Sahussarugsi
6. Pat Teerasawat
7. Thiranya Mitrakul

### Faculty of Communication Arts

1. Kanyanat Piticharoen
2. Patarasuda Niruktisart
3. Teekaporn Srisatjaluk
4. Yosvadee Kateoun
5. Nattanit Thitisaksakul
6. Pat Teerasawat
7. Kanittha Thepasak
8. Nattanon Vorakulsathien
9. Olarn Buntukul

### Faculty of Science in Applied Chemistry

1. Somsiri Youngpattana
2. Chanisa Dangprasert
3. Tapakorn Luangaramvej
4. Pasuk Aroonkit

### Automotive Design and Manufacturing Engineering (ADME)

1. Yotsanan Simakorn
2. Krittirat Jaroonwit
3. Nuttaporn Sankatumvong
4. Prisadang Posanakul
5. Phongsuphat Kanchanakom
6. Korawee Suphasidh

### Nano Engineering (NANO)

1. Pornthipa Sankatumvong
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### Mahidol University Int'l College

1. Priyada Narang (Economics)
2. Shubnam Saksrinarang (Food Science)
3. Nontawat Thanakiatkai (Economics)
4. Rachasak Sachasiri (Comp. Science)
5. Prerna Kishore (Bio Med)

### Assumption University (with Scholarships)

1. Duangkamol Lerteerawong
2. Wen Hsuan Kao
3. Chanadda Fuangaromya

### King Mongkut University of Technology Thonburi Faculty of Architecture

1. Switt Jienjittler

### Mission College

1. Anirud Talukder
2. Ranon Nabong
3. Piya Ekwiriyaton

### Universities in USA

1. Ho Jung Kwak - Engineering
2. Passakorn Aramrueng - Engineering
3. Jin Shi Wang - Engineering
4. Chandni Premmanisakul - BBA
5. Teekaporn Srisatjaluk - Engineering
6. Wajjanathorn Tantitarntong - Engineering

### Universities in Australia

1. Nuttapong Tangdumrongkul – Hotel Management
2. Pornthep Sachdev – Hotel Management

### University in Singapore Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts

1. Da Young Lee (50 % Scholarship)
2. Waratta Madee (50 % Scholarship)
3. Akhwin Singh

### University in England

1. Pratheep Sethi

### University in Canada

1. Korawee Suphasidh - BBA

### University in Taiwan

1. Wei Kuan Lin (Partial Scholarship)



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